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WASHINGTON, SEPT 24, REUTER - THE SENATE PANEL
PROBING BILLY CARTER'S LIBYAN TIES HAS DECIDED NOT TO ASK
PRESIDENT CARTER TO TESTIFY, CHAIRMAN BIRCH BAYH SAID TODAY.

THE INDIANA DEMOCRAT TOLD REPORTERS FOLLOWING A BUSINESS
MEETING THAT PANEL LAWYERS WOULD SEND WRITTEN QUESTIONS
TO WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL SEEKING TO FILL IN GAPS IN THE EVIDENCE.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD FOUND NO REMAINING QUESTIONS THAT
REQUIRED AN ''EYEBALL TO EYEBALL CONFRONTATION'' WITH THE
PRESIDENT.

SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL PHILIP TONE SAID THE PANEL WOULD
SHORTLY BEGIN DRAFTING AN INTERIM REPORT, DUE TO BE MADE
PUBLIC BY OCTOBER 4. HE SAID THE PANEL WOULD DECIDE
LATER WHETHER TO SUPPLEMENT IT WITH A FURTHER REPORT.

PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED LAST WEEK
WITH TESTIMONY BY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER ZBIGNIEW
BRZEZINSKI.

THE PANEL TODAY ISSUED A CENSORED TRANSCRIPT OF CLOSED-DOOR
TESTIMONY BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR STANSFIELD
TURNER WHO HANDED AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO MR BRZEZINSKI
SHOWING THAT BILLY CARTER WAS TRYING TO MAKE A DEAL TO GET
EXTRA LIBYAN OIL FOR AN AMERICAN REFINER.

ADMIRAL TURNER SAID THAT WHEN HE PASSED ON THE INFORMATION
HE HAD NO IDEA THAT MR BRZEZINSKI WOULD CALL THE PRESIDENT'S
BROTHER TO WARN HIM AGAINST THE DEAL.

BUT HE SAID THE ODDS WERE ''PRETTY SLIM'' THAT THE CALL COULD
HAVE COMPROMISED AN INTELLIGENCE SOURCE.

HE SAID HE DID NOT PASS THE INFORMATION ON TO THE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT BECAUSE HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT TO BE A LAW
ENFORCEMENT ISSUE.

THE DEPARTMENT WAS INVESTIGATING BILLY CARTER'S LIBYAN
TIES AND LATER BROUGHT SUIT TO REQUIRE HIM TO REGISTER AS A
FOREIGN AGENT.

AT ONE POINT IN THE HEARING SENATOR DENNIS DECONCINI
(DEMOCRAT, ARIZONA), REFERRING TO MR BRZEZINSKI'S CALL,
EXPLODED: ''I DON'T CARE HOW HE DISGUISES IT, HE IS TELLING
SOMETHING OF A SENSITIVE NATURE, AND I JUST RESENT THE HELL OUT
OF THE DOUBLE STANDARD AND WHAT APPEARS TO ME TO BE PEOPLE
PROTECTING BRZEZINSKI AND THE PRESIDENT.

''I AM TELLING YOU, IT JUST GOES BEYOND MY BELIEVABILITY.''

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